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In re application of :

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FOR RAZOR

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Sir:

In the specification please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph that begins at line 21 of page 4 and ends at line 13 of page 5 and is paragraph 0022 of the published application.

A bore 6 having a square cross section passes transversely through the neck 4. The square ends 12 of the split ring 10 fit within either end of the square bore in the neck 4 of the suction cup 2. The suction cup 2 is an otherwise conventional suction cup made of a soft vinyl. The neck of the suction cup may have a circular cross-section as shown or may be square, hexagonal, oval or other shape that creates a generally cylindrical structure. The ring 10 is made of a harder plastic such as polypropylene or polycarbonate. Consequently, the ring 10 can be

rotated 90 degrees within the square bore from a plane indicated by dotted line A-A in Figure 1 that is parallel to a wall 20 on which the suction cup 10 is mounted to a plane B shown in dotted lines in Figure 2 that is perpendicular to that wall. When the ring is in either of these two positions every side of both ends of the ring is opposite a side of the bore. When a razor, toothbrush or similarly shaped object (not shown) is placed within the ring 10 oriented as shown in Figures 3 and 4, the weight of the object will tend to push the ring downward. However, because of the square shape of the bore and the ends of the ring, the ring will not be deflected downward. The square bore 6 in the embodiment shown in the drawings extends completely through the suction cup. However, one could provide two rectangular cavities to receive the square ends 14 of the ring 10 such that neither cavity extends completely through the neck. The two cavities would be on a common axis and separated by a web in the center of the neck.

In the Claims:

Amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A holder comprising:

(a) a suction cup having a cup portion, a neck containing at least one bore having a multi-sided cross section, and

(b) a split ring having two ends, said ends having a multi-sided cross-section complementary to the bore, each end sized and fitted within the at least one bore so that the split ring can be rotated within the bore from a first position to a second position such that in each position every side of the end of the split ring is opposite a side of the at least one bore.